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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Abstract

Please replace the abstract beginning at page 11, with the following rewritten abstract:

--A pipe clamp including a strap adapted to surround a pipe. The strap includes first and second opposing ends separated by a gap. The clamp also includes a fastener that extends across the gap for tightening or loosening the clamp by narrowing or widening the gap between the first and second opposing ends of the strap. The first opposing end includes at least one projection and the second opposing end defines at least one recess for receiving the projection when the clamp is tightened.--

In the Claims

Please amend claims 13 and 15 as follows: